

Student Handout

'The Great Debate': The Complex Coexistence of Science and Religion

Name:

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Notes:

1. How would you define "cultural competence"?

2. What is evolution?

3. Would you say that evolution is controversial? Why or why not?

4. Is heliocentrism controversial? Why or why not?

5. In your opinion, can evolution and religion co-exist? Why or why not?

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What color is this person's shirt? _____

Are their eyes open? _____



Are this person's eyes open? _____

How does this example relate to the Nature of Science and the relationship between religion and science?

For each scenario, answer whether the phenomenon be explained using scientific inquiry:

1. Sudden drop in temperature indicates the presence of a ghost
2. Green plants grow towards a light source
3. Sponges filter bacteria out of the water on coral reefs
4. Pele, the goddess of fire, inflicts a curse on those who remove lava rock from the Hawaiian Islands.
5. Crop circles are caused by extraterrestrial life forms

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After examining the nature and limitations of science, do you believe that evolution and religion can co-exist? Discuss in your groups and record your answer.

How are religion and evolution distinct, and how do they relate?